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CENTRAL FAX CENTER**JUN 07 2006****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Application of**

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Serial No.: 09/598,477**Group Art Unit:** 2616**Filed:** June 22, 2000**Examiner:** Tsegaye, Saba**For:** CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING SIGNALS BETWEEN
NETWORK NODESHonorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-13 and 16-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 14-15 are canceled. Claims 1, 9-10, 12, 16-17, and 24 are independent.